

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended) A differential drive with a rotatably arranged differential carrier (11) in which a multi-plate coupling (23) is arranged so as to be effective between the differential carrier (11) and a sideshaft gear (29), characterised ~~in that the differential carrier (11) comprises~~ comprising a dish-shaped carrier part (12) in which there are received sideshaft gears (28, 29) and differential gears, (26, 27) and ~~that the differential carrier comprises~~ a dish-shaped cover (14) which receives the plates of the multi-plate coupling (23).

2. (currently amended) A differential according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein, in the sense of rotation, ~~the~~ outer plates of the multi-plate coupling (23) are form-fittingly held in the cover (14) and ~~that~~, in the sense of rotation, ~~the~~ inner plates of the multi-plate coupling (23) are form-fittingly held on a hub (30) connected to a one of the sideshaft gear ~~(29)~~ gears.

3. (currently amended) A differential according to ~~any one of claims 1 or 2, characterised in that~~ claim 1 comprising a sleeve arranged on the an outside of the cover (14), ~~there is arranged a sleeve (51) which axially supports an actuator (31) for the multi-plate coupling (23).~~

4. (currently amended) A differential according to claim 3, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the actuator (31) is radially supported on the sleeve (51).

5. (currently amended) A differential according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4, characterised in that~~ claim 1, wherein the cover, on its circumference, comprises apertures (22).

6. (currently amended) A differential according to claim 5, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the cover comprises blades ~~(24)~~ which are associated with the apertures ~~(22)~~ and which have a centripetal effect on a surrounding medium.

7. (currently amended) A differential according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 6, characterised in that~~ claim 1, wherein the cover comprises axial bores ~~(54)~~ in which there are positioned axially movable journals ~~(47)~~ for transmitting an axial movement from the actuator ~~(34)~~ to the multi-plate coupling ~~(23)~~.

8. (new) A differential according to claim 2 comprising a sleeve arranged on an outside of the cover which axially supports an actuator for the multi-plate coupling.

9. (new) A differential according to claim 8, wherein the actuator is radially supported on the sleeve.

10. (new) A differential according to claim 2, wherein the cover, on its circumference, comprises apertures.

11. (new) A differential according to claim 3, wherein the cover, on its circumference, comprises apertures.

12. (new) A differential according to claim 4, wherein the cover, on its circumference, comprises apertures.

13. (new) A differential according to claim 10, wherein the cover comprises blades which are associated with the apertures and which have a centripetal effect on a surrounding medium.

14. (new) A differential according to claim 11, wherein the cover comprises blades which are associated with the apertures and which have a centripetal effect on a surrounding medium.

15. (new) A differential according to claim 2, wherein the cover comprises axial bores in which there are positioned axially movable journals for transmitting an axial movement from the actuator to the multi-plate coupling.

16. (new) A differential according to claim 3, wherein the cover comprises axial bores in which there are positioned axially movable journals for transmitting an axial movement from the actuator to the multi-plate coupling.

17. (new) A differential according to claim 6, wherein the cover comprises axial bores in which there are positioned axially movable journals for transmitting an axial movement from the actuator to the multi-plate coupling.

18. (new) A differential drive with a rotatably arranged differential carrier in which a multi-plate coupling is arranged so as to be effective between the differential carrier and a sideshaft gear, the differential carrier comprising:

a dish-shaped carrier;

sideshaft gears and differential gears arranged in the carrier; and

a dish-shaped cover comprising a plurality of longitudinal inner grooves for form-fittingly engaging outer plates of the multi-plate coupling, the inner plates of the multi-plate coupling being engaged by a hub connected to one of the sideshaft gears; a sleeve for axially and radially supporting an actuator for the multi-plate coupling; a plurality of apertures arranged about the circumference of the cover; and blades each associated with one of the apertures for centripetally conveying a fluid.

19. (new) A differential according to claim 18, wherein the cover comprises axial bores in which there are positioned axially movable journals for transmitting an axial movement from the actuator to the multi-plate coupling.